

# Join us!

A Workshop For Grant Porposal Writing



**BASIC  
GRANTWRITING**  
A workshop for grantseekers

INTRODUCTION TO  
**GRANT  
WRITING**

**Show me the money !**

# **Research Grants and Funding Agencies**

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No grant comes through without a proposal!

To get a grant, you must **write** a good proposal.

To write such a proposal, you must **read** the call  
very well.

# Terminology

- **Grant**
- **Fund**
- **Funding agency**
- **Scholarship**
- **Grant proposal**

# Grants: *Some Basics*

- Grants are sums of money awarded to finance particular activities and not to be paid back.
- It is important to understand the goals of the funding bodies and their grant programs.
- Decisions are made on the applicant's ability to fit the proposed research activities to the interests of the funding body.

# Why Write a Grant?

- Grants provide you with resources needed to complete a major project that interests you
- Grants allow you to set your own career goals and increase your autonomy
- Grants help you achieve recognition and enhance your professional reputation
- Grants generate resources for graduate students

- What is required to plan a project?
- Which skills and tools are needed to develop a proposal?
- What requirements are to be met to implement, conduct and manage a research project successfully?
- What are the expectations from the donors' side?

These and other questions are addressed in this seminars on proposal writing.

# Education and Research Initiative

## Objectives:

- To strengthen collaboration between academic partners.
- To promote stronger links to industry and related communities

# Aims of funding research internationally

- Organization
- Controlling
- Trust
- Leadership
- Networking and communication

# Funding Organizations



# Regional Funding Organizations

Organizations with a scope comprising the whole Middle East



# THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

- Merit Scholarship Programme for High Technology (MSP)
- Full-time Ph.D. study and/or Post-doctoral research
- In most development-related fields.
- Applications must be submitted through the nominating institutions to the [Office of the IsDB Governor](#) for the country.

<http://www.isdb.org/irj/portal/anonymous?NavigationTarget=navurl://c28c70fde436815fcff1257ef5982a08>

# ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO)

- Its programs focus on interlinked areas relevant to young people:
  - developing member states' human resources in education, sciences, culture, and communication;
  - highlighting the Islamic civilization's active part in knowledge fields;
  - redressing the image of Islam and Muslims in the West;
- UNESCO's partner in the region, IESCO annually awards prizes for excellence in the areas of education, sciences, and culture and communication.

# ISESCO CENTER FOR PROMOTION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (ICPSR)

- Aim: promoting Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) in ISESCO Member States.
- Mission:
  - to promote the essential link between Research and Development (R & D)
  - to strengthen scientific cooperation between ISESCO Member States
  - to implement mechanisms for applying the strategies developed by ISESCO and adopted by Member States.
- Offer:
  - Grant scholarships
  - Award prizes

# ACTION AGAINST HUNGER

- To fight against poverty and promote better health.
- The Foundation focuses on:
  - nutrition,
  - health and healthcare practices,
  - food security and livelihoods,
  - water, sanitation and hygiene,
  - advocacy and awareness-raising.

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<http://www.wfp.org/funding>

# Organizations With A Focus On Particular Disciplines/Clusters Of Disciplines



# THE WORLD ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

for the advancement of science in developing countries

- **TWAS Prizes**

- USD15,000
- Awarded to individual scientists from developing countries
- Agricultural sciences; biology; chemistry; earth, astronomy and space sciences; engineering sciences; mathematics; medical sciences; physics and social sciences
- Deadline: 15 March 2018
- Need to be nominated by the institution

<https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-prizes>

# OAK FOUNDATION

- **International Human Rights**
- Support activists and organizations in critical areas where Oak is not currently able to fund directly (such as in the Middle East, North Africa)
- Support activist organizations involved in documentation, evidence collection, campaigns and strategic litigation that address our priorities.

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- <http://www.oakfnd.org/node/1299>

# WATER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

- An internationally recognized leader in water research
- Dedicated to advancing the science of water
- By sponsoring cutting-edge research and promoting collaboration.
- Our research provides industry insights and practical solutions to the most complex challenges facing the water community today & into the future.

- <http://www.waterrf.org/the-foundation/Pages/default.aspx>
- <http://www.waterrf.org/funding/Pages/default.aspx>

# International Organizations with Region-Specific Programs



United Nations Framework  
Convention on Climate Change



FORD  
FOUNDATION

# UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

- Grants for projects and programs that address the adverse risks and impacts posed by climate change
  - Agriculture,
  - Energy,
  - Environment,
  - Natural Resources
- Proposals can be submitted at any time.

# GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FUND (GEF)

- Funds to government agencies, civil society organizations, private sector companies, research institutions
- **Full-sized Project (FSP):** > 2 million US dollars.
- **Medium-sized Project (MSP):** < or = 2 million US dollars.
- **Enabling Activity (EA):** project for the preparation of a plan, strategy or report to fulfill commitments under a Convention.
- The project should address National and GEF priorities

<https://www.thegef.org/about/funding>

# FORD FOUNDATION

- Grants in the Middle East and North Africa.
- Topics:
  1. Civic Engagement and Government
  2. Creative Expression
  3. Inclusive Economies
  4. Youth Opportunity and Learning
- Contact: Ford Foundation, P.O. Box 2344, Cairo, Egypt  
Tel. (+20) 2-2795-2121 E:ford-cairo@fordfound.org

# OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS

- Grants in the Middle East addressing issues of:
  1. governance and rights,
  2. media and information
  3. women's empowerment
  4. education
  5. and arts and culture.
- [Open Society Fellowship](#)
- **Deadline:** July 15, 2018
- To support individuals pursuing innovative and unconventional approaches to fundamental open society challenges

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- <https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants>

# SIDA – Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

- Government agency under the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
- SIDA's goal is to contribute to making it possible for poor people to improve their living conditions.
- Compared with many of the countries in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, the countries of the MENA region are, with the exception of Yemen, relatively rich.
- Contact: SIDA, Valhallavägen 199, 105 25 Stockholm, T: + 46 8 698 50 00  
E: [sida@sida.se](mailto:sida@sida.se)

# DFG: German Research Foundation

- Based on a cooperation agreement between the DFG and a foreign partner organization
- Partners in Iran:
  - Iranian National Science Foundation (INSF)
  - Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization (ICHTO)
- Purpose
  - To enable scientists and academics to carry out a research project on a specifically defined topic within a limited time period.
- Eligibility Requirements
  - Qualified researchers (as a rule, those holding a doctorate) from all disciplines

# Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)

- Single-country proposals supporting organizations and individuals in the Middle East and North Africa. These grants are designed to:
  1. Strengthen civil society;
  2. Support constructive advocacy and civic activism;
  3. Support citizens' efforts to contribute to positive economic, social, and political empowerment;
  4. Expand opportunities for women and youth;
  5. Strengthen the rule of law;
  6. Develop independent media in service to communities; and,
  7. Help communities work alongside governments in shaping their own futures.
- Local grant projects usually range from \$50,000 to \$150,000
- completed in one year.

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- <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280100>

# ZHWA

## Leading House South Asia and Iran

- Funding instruments for research collaboration with Iran:
  - seed money grants,
  - bridging grants,
  - symposia & workshops,
  - mobility grants,
  - innovation partnership grants

# British Council

- As part of [UK-Iran Researcher Links workshop series](#), the British Council provides research grants for early career post doctorate researchers in a variety of fields.

# Research in Germany

- **Junior Researchers & Postdocs:**

- <http://www.research-in-germany.org/en/research-funding/funding-programmes/overview-postdocs.html>

- **Senior Researchers:**

- <http://www.research-in-germany.org/en/research-funding/funding-programmes/overview-senior-researchers.html>

# Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/programmes-by-target-group.html>



Sponsorship

# Alexander von Humboldt Foundation



Alexander von Humboldt  
Stiftung/Foundation

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## Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers

**Description** Application Sponsorship Partners FAQ

Submit an application if you are a researcher from abroad with above average qualifications, **completed your doctorate less than twelve years ago**, already have your own research profile and are working at least at the level of Assistant Professor or Junior Research Group Leader or have a record of several years of independent academic work. A Humboldt Research Fellowship for experienced researchers allows you to carry out long-term research (6-18 months) in Germany. Applicants choose their own topic of research and their academic host. The fellowship is flexible and can be divided up into as many as three stays within three years.

Scientists and scholars of all nationalities and disciplines may apply to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation online at any time. The Humboldt Foundation grants approximately 450 - 500 Humboldt Research Fellowships for → **postdoctoral researchers** and experienced researchers annually. Short-term study visits, participation in congresses and training courses cannot be financed.

Eligible academics from developing and emerging countries may apply for a → **Georg Forster Fellowship**



Timeline of the  
selection procedure

# DAAD

The German Academic Exchange Service or DAAD is the largest German support organisation in the field of international academic co-operation.

**189 Scholarship options** for your selection

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/>

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<https://www.daad-iran.org/fa/>

# ORGANIZATIONS WITH A NATIONAL SCOPE



**The Office of President**  
**Vice-Presidency for Science and Technology**  
**Iran National Science Foundation**



**Iranian Research Organization**  
**for Science and Technology**

# Iran National Science Foundation

- **Research Grant**
  - for a period of 1 year
  - up to maximum of 300 million Rials. Currently
  - At both national and international level.
- **National Grant:** It is granted to Iranian researchers employed by universities and research centers inside the country.
- **International Grant:**
  - It is granted to Iranian researchers residing outside Iran.
  - This group of researchers and technologies are required to be employed by organizations, universities and or research centers accredited by Ministry of Science and technology.

# Iranian Research Organization for Science and Technology (IROST)

- A comprehensive science policy research centre directly attached to the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology.
- The biggest research centre in Iran,
- Chiefly engaged in developing science and technology for economic progress.
- TWAS and IROST partner in the framework of the [TWAS-IROST Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme](#).

Listing over 5,000 awards  
from 57 countries

# The Grants Register

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